

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are present in this application. Claims 1, 4, 10, and 16 are independent. Claims 21 and 22 have been added.

Claim Rejection – 35 USC 112

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15-17 and 20 in order to clarify the scope of the invention. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are definite and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection – 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Byer (U.S. Patent 5,673,281). Applicant has amended claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15-17 and 20 in order to clarify the claimed invention.

As can be seen the by the claims as amended, unlike Byer, the present invention comprises at least three optical elements situated in a beam path, and are in close contact providing direct thermal transfer between adjacent elements. Thus, for at least this reason, Applicants submit that Byer fails to teach or suggest each and every claimed element. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.